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THE REPLY FILED 27 February 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance or a Notice of Appeal. Alternatively, applicant may obtain further examination by timely filling a request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d).

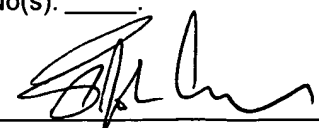
PERIOD FOR REPLY [check only a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) _____ In view of the early submission of the proposed reply (within two months as set forth in MPEP § 707.07 (f)), the period for reply expires on the mailing date of this Advisory Action, OR continues to run from the mailing date of the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136 (a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked.

1. _____ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. _____ The proposed amendment(s) will be entered upon the timely submission of a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief with requisite fees.
3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (see NOTE below);
 - (b) _____ they raise the issue of new matter. (see Note below);
 - (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) _____ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.
- NOTE: because the added limitations to claims 1, 44 and 87 were not claimed in combination with these claims previously, the amendment is presenting claims of new/different scope.
4. _____ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s):
5. _____ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
6. _____ The a) _____ affidavit, b) _____ exhibit, or c) _____ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
7. _____ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
8. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the status of the claim(s) is as follows (see attached written explanation, if any):
- Claim(s) allowed: none.
- Claim(s) objected to: none.
- Claim(s) rejected: 1, 3-14, 16-24, 26-27, 29, 30, 32-36, 39-41, 44, 46-57, 59-67, 69-70, 72, 73, 75-79, 82-84, and 87.
- Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: none.

9. _____ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ a) _____ has b) _____ has not been approved by the Examiner.
10. _____ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
11. _____
- Other: _____


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